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1 about you before we start talking about some other  
2 topics..

3 Can you give me your educational  
4 background starting with your high school  
5 graduation?

6 A. I graduated in 1981 from North Valley  
7 Christian School in Santa Clara, California, and I  
8 graduated from Maranatha Bible College in  
9 Watertown, Wisconsin in 1983 with an Associates  
10 Degree.

11 Q. Any particular subject?

12 A. It is actually Practical Christian  
13 Training, but with mostly elementary-education  
14 subjects.

15 Q. Any other formal education since 1983?

16 A. No.

17 Q. How about your employment history  
18 starting with after college?

19 A. I taught kindergarten at Faith Christian  
20 Academy for one year, from -- I can't remember.  
21 '83 to '84?

22 Q. Okay. Any other employment?

23 A. And then I worked for Univest  
24 Corporation. I have been there since January of

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1 '85, with a two-year break in between for  
2 children.

3 Q. You're working there now?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What position?

6 A. I am a Community Reinvestment Act officer  
7 and fair lending officer in the risk management  
8 department.

9 Q. Any other employment history?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Let's talk about your affiliation with  
12 Faith Christian Academy or Faith Baptist Church.

13 A. Okay.

14 Q. Let's talk about Faith Christian Academy  
15 first. Other than being employed there for one  
16 year, teaching kindergarten in 1983/1984, did you  
17 hold any other type of position at the school?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Have your children gone to the school?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Give me your children's names, please.

22 A. Andrew Fretz and Lauren Fretz.

23 Q. When did they graduate?

24 A. Andrew, 2007; Lauren, 2008.

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1 Q. Were you a school volunteer in any way?

2 A. Yes: I guess, if I recall, volunteering  
3 at games and the concession stand.

4 Q. What games?

5 A. Any that my children were playing on:  
6 Basketball, soccer, those -- volleyball.

7 Q. Lauren played basketball and what else?

8 A. Soccer and volleyball.

9 Q. And Andrew?

10 A. Andrew played soccer and basketball  
11 briefly.

12 Q. Was Henry Thompson his coach?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Was your daughter Lauren coached by Eric  
15 Romig?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Playing basketball?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. For what years?

20 A. Graduated in '08, so 2006 through  
21 graduation?

22 Q. Six, seven and eight?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you know whether or not, after Lauren

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1 graduated in May or June of 2008, she ever went  
2 back to Faith Christian Academy to practice with  
3 the team that Eric Romig was coaching?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Do you know on how many occasions she did  
6 that?

7 A. Only when she was home for Christmas  
8 break from college, so it would be December,  
9 probably, maybe once or twice during her time at  
10 home.

11 Q. Where did she go to college?

12 A. Masters College in Santa Clarita,  
13 California.

14 Q. Studying what?

15 A. She majored in kinesiology, pre-physical  
16 therapy. She also played soccer in college.

17 Q. Eric Romig was arrested for his criminal  
18 conduct on October 1st, 2013. Do you know if  
19 Lauren has had any contact with him at all, any  
20 type of communication with him at all, since that  
21 date?

22 A. No.

23 Q. You don't know or she hasn't, to your  
24 knowledge?

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1 A. To my knowledge, she has not had any  
2 communication.

3 Q. Do you know if Eric Romig has tried to  
4 contact her?

5 A. No, I do not.

6 Q. By correspondence or telephone?

7 A. No, I don't.

8 Q. What affiliation, if any, do you have  
9 with Faith Baptist Church?

10 A. I was a member there since 1983 through  
11 2011.

12 Q. Why did you leave in 2011?

13 A. My husband and I felt it was time to --  
14 we just had differences -- I don't know how to  
15 explain it. Just felt God leading us to another  
16 church.

17 Q. Did you inform anybody at Faith Baptist  
18 Church about why you were leaving?

19 A. I sent an email to Pastor Paul.

20 Q. Paul Auckland?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And what did it say in that email?

23 A. Oh, from what I can recall, basically  
24 that we just felt it was time for a changes, that

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1 there were no hard feelings and that we wished the  
2 church the best, and thanked him for his service.

3 Q. You said, I think, in a couple answers  
4 that you thought it was time for a change, that  
5 God was leading you to another church. Why did  
6 you feel that way?

7 A. Not being fed spiritually.

8 Q. In what way?

9 A. Through the messages. The teachings  
10 basically -- personally, nothing -- felt stagnant.

11 Q. And you told Pastor Auckland that?

12 A. Not necessarily, no. I did not go into  
13 detail.

14 Q. Did you discuss that with anybody else at  
15 the church?

16 A. I do not recall.

17 Q. Did you send that email to anybody other  
18 than Paul Auckland?

19 A. I do not recall.

20 Q. Did you or your husband hold any  
21 positions in the church during the time that you  
22 were members there?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Where are you member now?

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1 A. Calvary Chapel in Quakertown.

2 Q. Did Pastor Auckland ever talk to you or  
3 try to talk to you after he got the email from you  
4 to go into any greater detail about why you were  
5 leaving the church?

6 A. No.

7 Q. When is the last time you spoke to him?

8 A. I believe it was Paul Clymer's retirement  
9 party, which I'm not quite -- I don't recall when  
10 that was. It was about a year ago, within the  
11 last year.

12 Q. That's Ryan Clymer's father?

13 A. No, uncle.

14 Q. Uncle. You knew Eric Romig when your  
15 daughter and son went to Faith Christian Academy,  
16 correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Did he coach your son in any sports?

19 A. No.

20 Q. He coached your daughter in basketball?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Any other sports?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Did you have any social relationship with

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1 him? And by that I mean you saw him outside of  
2 any activities related to your daughter's playing  
3 basketball at FCA?

4 A. At church.

5 Q. You say you might see him at church  
6 functions or school services?

7 A. Or even school functions. So, basically  
8 church or school functions.

9 Q. What about outside of church or school?  
10 Social functions at all?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Between the families, anything of that  
13 nature?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Back in 2009 did you know that Eric  
16 Romig's sister Kelly Romig -- by the way, did you  
17 know Kelly Romig as well?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. How did you know her?

20 A. I taught her in kindergarten and I have  
21 known her since that time.

22 Q. Through church and school.

23 A. Through church and school.

24 Q. Did you know in 2009 that she had been



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1 criminally sexually abused by a teacher at Faith  
2 Christian Academy for approximately four years,  
3 between 1994 and 1997?

4 A. I had heard that.

5 Q. Do you recall who you heard it from?

6 A. No, I don't.

7 Q. Do you recall when you first learned  
8 that?

9 A. No, I don't.

10 Q. But it was before 2009.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Did you ever have occasion in your  
13 dealings with Eric Romig at the school to talk  
14 about that with him at all?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you know Emily Mayer?

17 A. No, not personally. I just knew she went  
18 to Faith Christian Academy and was on the  
19 basketball team.

20 Q. She was not on the basketball team at the  
21 same time as Lauren Fretz, though, correct?

22 A. I do not believe so.

23 Q. Do you know any family members of Emily  
24 Mayer's?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. Her parents?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Did you know her by sight?

5 A. Not really.

6 Q. Did you know Kayla Young -- we already  
7 went through that. You knew Kayla Young and you  
8 knew Kristen Kennedy.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Were they on the basketball team with  
11 Lauren?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. So, they were also coached by Eric Romig?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. How would you characterize her friendship  
16 with those two people?

17 MR. RUSSELL: "Her" being Lauren  
18 Fretz?

19 MR. GROTH: Yes, I'm sorry.

20 THE WITNESS: She was close  
21 friends with Kayla and Kristen during high  
22 school.

23 BY MR. GROTH:

24 Q. What about after high school?

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1 A. Kayla she remained in contact with.

2 Q. Where does Kayla live?

3 A. In Lynchburg, Virginia, I believe. I  
4 know she's in Virginia.

5 Q. Do you know if she's married?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Do you know if she's going to school?

8 A. She's a police officer. She graduated  
9 from Liberty University.

10 Q. When is the last time you spoke to her?

11 A. A few months ago.

12 Q. About what?

13 A. I saw her in Franconia restaurant and  
14 said hello, and I asked her how she was doing and  
15 gave her a hug. That's all.

16 Q. Do you know Nicole Gross?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. How do you know her?

19 A. She's a good friend.

20 Q. She one of your best friends?

21 A. I would say she's one of my very close  
22 friends.

23 Q. How long have you known her?

24 A. Oh, my goodness. Years.

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1 Q. Going back to approximately when?

2 A. Well, our children were in elementary  
3 school together, our sons, so maybe close to  
4 twenty years.

5 Q. Have you ever talked to her about this  
6 case?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. When was that?

9 A. I do not recall. It has been -- it's been  
10 a while.

11 Q. Was it before or after her deposition was  
12 taken?

13 A. It may have been after.

14 Q. Did she tell you about her deposition?

15 A. Not in detail.

16 Q. What did you talk with her about this  
17 case?

18 A. She just felt bad.

19 Q. About what?

20 A. For the whole -- that my daughter, her  
21 name was brought into it. That's basically it,  
22 that she felt bad.

23 Q. Did she talk to you about any of the  
24 questions she was asked during the deposition?

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1 A. I do not recall.

2 Q. Did she tell you how or whether your  
3 daughter's name was discussed during her  
4 deposition?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What did she tell you about that?

7 A. She just said that Lauren's name was  
8 mentioned, and that she felt bad that Lauren's  
9 name was brought into this.

10 Q. She didn't give any details of how  
11 Lauren's name came up or why Lauren's name came  
12 up?

13 A. Because of Emily Mayer's text messages,  
14 which I was already aware of.

15 Q. How were you aware of that?

16 A. Because I had received a phone call back  
17 in -- I'm trying to remember when this occurred,  
18 if it was -- yes, it was December of '09.

19 Cheryl Alderfer called me because Emily  
20 had spoken with her daughter, Ali, mentioning that  
21 Eric had texted Emily saying that he could not --  
22 and I'm paraphrasing -- that he could not meet  
23 Emily because he was picking Lauren up from the  
24 airport.

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1 Cheryl, being a concerned parent, called  
2 me and asked me when Lauren was coming home; I  
3 told her.

4 She asked, "Who is picking her up from  
5 the airport?" I said "I am. Why?" And then she  
6 told me what her daughter told her, and I was  
7 appalled.

8 MR. GROTH: Lance, can you read  
9 that back slowly?

10 (The record was read by the court  
11 reporter as requested)

12 BY MR. GROTH:

13 Q. You were appalled at what?

14 A. Oh. The whole context of the text  
15 message, whether it was true or not, of what Emily  
16 was saying, because I knew for a fact that I was  
17 picking up Lauren, that there was never any doubt,  
18 and whether or not Emily's statement was true.

19 Q. At that time did you know who Emily Mayer  
20 was?

21 A. I knew she was a student at the school  
22 and that she was on the basketball team. That's  
23 all I knew.

24 Q. And Cheryl Alderfer told you this because

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1 she felt concerned that Eric Romig might be  
2 picking up your daughter at the airport? Is that  
3 what she told you?

4 A. She was verifying whether or not that was  
5 true because she didn't think it was, so she was  
6 just verifying it, basically, because she said to  
7 me -- excuse me.

8 Q. That's all right. Go ahead.

9 A. She said to me "If the shoe were on the  
10 other foot, I would hope you would call me as  
11 well."

12 Q. If it was true, did she say she was  
13 concerned that Eric Romig would be picking your  
14 daughter up at the airport?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Did she say why she was concerned?

17 A. Because it didn't make sense.

18 Q. Why?

19 A. Because why would he? He's not a parent  
20 and he's not a friend of hers outside of school.  
21 She just thought it was odd.

22 Q. What was your relationship with Cheryl  
23 Alderfer at that time?

24 A. Friends, acquaintances. We're not close

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1 friends, but we're friends.

2 Q. Do you know if Cheryl Alderfer called you  
3 about this after Emily Mayer made her allegations  
4 about inappropriate texting with Eric Romig?

5 A. I don't recall the time line. I just  
6 remember Cheryl calling me and then I did find out  
7 that Emily did go to the school, but that there  
8 was nothing concrete, no proof.

9 Q. In her phone call to you, did Cheryl  
10 Alderfer tell you that she had taken Emily Mayer  
11 to Principal Clymer because Emily Mayer told her  
12 the story of Eric Romig's inappropriate texts to  
13 her?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. She did.

16 A. Yes, but I don't recall the time line.

17 Q. So, that's why she was concerned, as far  
18 as you're aware.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Because she already knew that there had  
21 been an allegation made -- "she," being Cheryl  
22 Alderfer, already knew that there had been an  
23 allegation made that Eric Romig was sending  
24 inappropriate texts to another girl at the school.



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1 A. Yes.

2 MS. OLSZEWSKI: Object to form.

3 MS. KANE: Objection.

4 MR. RUSSELL: Objection.

5 BY MR. GROTH:

6 Q. You can answer.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Did she give you any details about that  
9 situation with the other girl and. . .

10 A. I do not recall.

11 Q. Did she tell you that she had sat through  
12 a meeting with that girl, the other girl, who  
13 happened to be Emily Mayer, and Ryan Clymer where  
14 Emily Mayer described the texting that Eric Romig  
15 was doing to her?

16 MS. KANE: Objection to the form.

17 A. I don't recall.

18 Q. Did she tell you that she was concerned  
19 about the safety of Emily Mayer?

20 A. We're going back six years. I'm trying  
21 to -- I don't remember all the details. She may  
22 have.

23 Q. Do you know the date on which your  
24 daughter was coming back to the local area here

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1 for that Christmas holiday back in 2009?

2 A. I do not recall the exact date.

3 Q. Do you recall if it was a day before  
4 Christmas or a week before Christmas or two weeks  
5 before Christmas?

6 A. It was probably at least a week before  
7 Christmas.

8 Q. Prior to having this telephone  
9 conversation with Cheryl Alderfer, had you ever  
10 had any issues regarding Eric Romig texting your  
11 daughter while she was a player for him?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. On how many occasions did you have an  
14 issue about that?

15 A. There is one time that I can recall, and  
16 it was when texting first came out and you were  
17 paying per text --

18 Q. And you were what?

19 A. Paying per text message.

20 Q. Right.

21 A. And she was getting quite a few texts  
22 from him and I was not comfortable with that, not  
23 just because of the cost but also because I didn't  
24 feel it was necessary. I approached him and asked

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1 him to stop, then it had slowed down.

2 The difficulty -- I'd say challenge -- is  
3 because of the gray area of the relationship,  
4 because of knowing them at church, knowing them  
5 since they were younger; that there is kind of a  
6 skewed, to use that -- it didn't surprise me that  
7 he would text her about basketball and about plays  
8 because she was the captain of the team, but I did  
9 not like the frequency.

10 Q. We're going to break that down and go  
11 over that step-by-step.

12 First of all, when did you have this  
13 conversation with Eric Romig?

14 A. (No response)

15 Q. Let's see if we can narrow it down. Was  
16 this Lauren's senior year --

17 A. No.

18 Q. -- or before that?

19 A. It was before that.

20 Q. So, it would have been in the 2007 time  
21 frame?

22 A. Possibly.

23 Q. Was it just one meeting about this issue  
24 with him?

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1 A. I recall just one.

2 Q. You said you talked to him and the texts  
3 slowed down, but they didn't stop?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. Did you tell him to stop?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What did you do after he didn't stop?

8 A. I talked to Lauren. I never saw any of  
9 the text messages.

10 Q. Why not?

11 A. Because my daughter told me they were all  
12 about basketball and I never had any concern.

13 Q. Did you ever ask to see them?

14 A. No -- I don't recall.

15 Q. Do you know if she deleted them after she  
16 got them?

17 A. I don't recall.

18 Q. This phone was given to her and paid for  
19 by you and your husband, correct?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. It wasn't her own account or anything,  
22 right?

23 A. Right.

24 Q. Did she have a pass-code or password to

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1 get into the phone at that time?

2 A. I don't recall.

3 Q. So, when you made the statement before  
4 that you were concerned about the frequency with  
5 which he was texting her about basketball and  
6 plays, you don't know yourself if he was only  
7 texting her about basketball and plays.

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. That's just what she told you.

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. And you never asked to see the content of  
12 any texts to find out if that was, in fact, the  
13 case?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. Is that correct?

16 A. Yes, but I will explain.

17 Q. Go ahead.

18 A. I did also speak with the assistant  
19 coach, Robin Landis, about the situation, and  
20 asked her if I should have any reason for concern.

21 Q. Concern about what?

22 A. The excessive number of texts.

23 Q. Even though you believe that it was only  
24 about basketball and plays.

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1 MS. KANE: Objection to the form.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Go ahead.

4 A. And I was given the impression, because  
5 Robin is a close friend and knows Lauren very  
6 well, that there would be no concern, that she's  
7 always with them, and I trusted Robin.

8 Q. Concern about what?

9 A. The relationship as far as the  
10 basketball, the coach versus player, the number of  
11 texts.

12 I mean, I'm not good at explaining  
13 personalities. Eric has a very dynamic  
14 personality. He's very driven and passionate  
15 about the sport, and you can see it on the court  
16 as a coach.

17 I could see why he would be texting her a  
18 lot, but I did not like it.

19 Q. Did you actually get a log of the texts?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Was there a bill that was sent to you by  
22 the telephone company that showed dates, times of  
23 texts?

24 A. I do not recall.

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1 Q. Do you recall paying for them per text,  
2 so it might have something like fifty texts at  
3 three cents or something, but that was it?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. So, you don't know what times of the day  
6 or night he was texting her?

7 A. No.

8 Q. And except for whatever information was  
9 on the phone bill, you didn't know any details  
10 about the volume of the texts.

11 A. Correct. The bill never was an  
12 exorbitant amount, so I did not have concern over  
13 the volume or the number of texts. It's just I did  
14 not feel it was necessary.

15 Q. At that time in 2007 did you have any  
16 reason, any reason at all, to suspect -- not  
17 whether you knew or not, but just to suspect --  
18 that there might be some kind of inappropriate  
19 relationship outside of basketball between Lauren  
20 and Eric Romig?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Did you at some point tell Eric Romig  
23 that if he was going to text your daughter, that  
24 you or your husband would want to be copied on the

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1 texts?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Did you ask Robin Landis whether Eric  
4 Romig texted all his players as much as he texted  
5 your daughter?

6 A. I don't recall.

7 Q. I'm not sure if this was in your prior  
8 answer or not, so that's why I'm asking: Did you  
9 ever discuss with Robin Landis the issue of  
10 whether or not Eric Romig was ever alone with your  
11 daughter for any basketball-related activities?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What did you discuss about that?

14 A. I asked her if there would be any reason  
15 to believe, and she said no because she was always  
16 with them.

17 Q. Why did you ask her that?

18 A. A concerned mom. I didn't have any  
19 reason --

20 Q. Concerned about what?

21 A. -- to believe that there was anything  
22 going on. I just didn't want to cross that line.

23 Q. I understand you were a concerned mom  
24 about the texts, but why did you ask her, Robin



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1 Landis, whether or not there was any time when  
2 Eric Romig was going to be alone with your  
3 daughter?

4 A. I asked Robin if there was any reason  
5 that I should be concerned and if there was any --  
6 and I do not recall the exact conversation. I  
7 remember asking Robin if there was any reason to  
8 be concerned.

9 I don't remember exactly if I asked her  
10 about being alone. I may have asked that. But  
11 just from a concerned parent, just to say should I  
12 be aware of anything. Should I be alert.

13 I trusted my daughter. We had good  
14 communication. And Robin knew my daughter since  
15 she was an infant, so it was a very close-knit  
16 group.

17 Q. Did you ask your daughter outright if she  
18 had any inappropriate relationship with Eric Romig  
19 back in 2007?

20 A. I asked her after all of this came out if  
21 there was ever anything in her relationship during  
22 basketball in high school, and she said "No, mom,  
23 that's gross."

24 Q. I think you went too far with my

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1 question. I was speaking specifically about 2007,  
2 not anything with the Emily Mayer situation in  
3 2009.

4 But in 2007, when you had these  
5 conversations with Eric Romig, with Robin Landis,  
6 the assistant coach, about his frequent texting of  
7 your daughter, did you ask her then whether or not  
8 there was anything inappropriate going on between  
9 Eric Romig and your daughter?

10 A. I do not recall.

11 Q. Did you talk to anybody in 2007 other  
12 than Eric Romig directly and Robin Landis?

13 A. I do not -- I don't recall.

14 Q. Was Marc Hoover an assistant coach there?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Did you speak to him, also?

17 A. I don't recall. I remember talking to  
18 Robin.

19 Q. Do you recall talking to the athletic  
20 director?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Who was Russell Hollenbach, I believe?

23 A. Yes. I don't recall doing that. I don't  
24 believe I did.

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1 Q. Did you talk to Ryan Clymer at all?

2 A. I don't recall that.

3 Q. Does that mean you don't recall --

4 A. I don't recall if I did or not.

5 Q. So, you may have; you just don't recall.

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Did you speak to your husband about the  
8 issue?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What did you two discuss? I'm talking  
11 about -- we're still back in 2007.

12 A. I know.

13 Q. What did you two discuss?

14 A. I don't recall exactly. I just remember  
15 discussing that, you know, she seems to be getting  
16 a lot of text messages. I don't like it. What do  
17 you think I should do about it.

18 If I recall, he said talk to her, talk to  
19 Eric. He did not take it upon himself.

20 Q. Do you know whether or not your husband  
21 had any discussions with anybody besides you about  
22 that issue?

23 A. No.

24 Q. No, he did not have any discussions.

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1 A. No, he did not.

2 Q. When you saw that the texts were  
3 continuing, although they slowed down after your  
4 conversation with Eric Romig, did you have another  
5 conversation with him?

6 A. I do not recall.

7 Q. Did you have another conversation with  
8 your daughter?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What was that conversation?

11 A. Basically why does he continue, and she  
12 said, "Mom, he's only texting about plays and  
13 about when practice is because I was the captain  
14 of the team."

15 At that point that was a lot of the way  
16 how they would communicate -- people were  
17 communicating, and I was trying to balance it out,  
18 basically.

19 Q. Did Eric Romig tell that you he was  
20 texting, with any frequency at all, any of the  
21 other players on the team other than your  
22 daughter?

23 A. I don't recall.

24 Q. Did you ask him?

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1 A. I may have. It was not uncommon, so. . .

2 Q. Well, was it your daughter's function, as  
3 captain, to alert all the other team players as to  
4 whatever discussion she had with Eric Romig about  
5 practices or games or places or whatever?

6 MS. KANE: Objection.

7 A. I believe so.

8 Q. What makes you believe that?

9 A. Because she was the captain.

10 Q. Did she ever tell you that one of her  
11 functions was to get information from the coach  
12 and give it to the rest of the teammates? Not  
13 during practice or whatever, but off-hours?

14 A. No, she never told me.

15 Q. Did you ever tell your daughter that you  
16 didn't want Eric Romig texting her at all at any  
17 time before she graduated?

18 A. I do believe so.

19 Q. What happened after you told her that?

20 A. She did get a little defensive because  
21 she said there was nothing there, that he's  
22 texting her about basketball.

23 We had discussed it, and I did not fear  
24 for any other improper conduct. That's basically

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1 what I recall.

2 Q. What happened after that?

3 A. I don't recall exact details. I just  
4 remember being aware of it, being conscious of it,  
5 monitoring my daughter's activity from a -- trying  
6 to monitor it, and I did not have any reason to  
7 believe that there was any inappropriate behavior.

8 Q. Did she have any other phone other than  
9 the phone that you and your husband supplied her  
10 with?

11 A. Not that I am aware of.

12 Q. Do you know if Eric Romig ever supplied  
13 her with a phone?

14 A. Not that I'm aware of.

15 Q. Did you attend the games?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Basketball games?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did you attend any practices?

20 A. I do not recall. I don't believe so.

21 Q. Can you tell me generally when practices  
22 were held?

23 A. After school.

24 Q. Like late in the afternoon after the end

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1 of the school day?

2 A. It depended on -- they only had one gym,  
3 so it depended on who was having it, whether JV,  
4 boys, girls. And I believe the varsity usually  
5 had it later after school, depending on the  
6 schedule.

7 JV usually practiced first and then the  
8 varsity teams, and I believe the girls would go  
9 before the boys.

10 Q. So, it could last some time into the  
11 early evening?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And would you generally take her or pick  
14 her up -- not take her because she's already in  
15 school, but pick her up after the practices?

16 A. Either myself or she had a ride.

17 Q. Did she ever get rides from Eric Romig?

18 A. I do not recall.

19 Q. Do you know if she was ever in his car  
20 for any reason?

21 A. I do not recall. I don't have any -- I  
22 don't recall.

23 Q. Do you know if the school had any rules  
24 about coaches transporting players to practices or



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1 from practices, or to the games or from games?

2 A. I do not.

3 Q. Were there ever any weekend practices?

4 A. There may be Saturday practices.

5 Q. Did you ever attend any of those?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Do you know if there were ever any  
8 one-on-one coaching sessions between Eric Romig  
9 and individual players?

10 A. No, not that I recall.

11 Q. Did your daughter Lauren tell you that on  
12 weekends she had occasion to go to the school and  
13 the gym and meet Eric Romig for one-on-one  
14 coaching?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you ever hear from any source that  
17 Eric Romig had any one-on-one coaching sessions  
18 with any of the girls on the basketball team at  
19 the same time Lauren was on the team back in 2007,  
20 2008?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Back in 2007 or 2008, if you had been  
23 informed that your daughter was asked by Coach  
24 Romig to go to a gym and have one-on-one coaching



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1 sessions with her -- no other players, no other  
2 teammates or whatever -- on the weekends, would  
3 you have objected to that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Why?

6 A. Because I think it's inappropriate for a  
7 male coach and a female players to be like that in  
8 general, because I think it just opens up doors  
9 for problems.

10 Q. What kind of problems?

11 MS. KANE: Objection.

12 MR. GROTH: Go ahead.

13 MR. RUSSELL: You can answer.

14 It's fine.

15 THE WITNESS: Inappropriate  
16 behavior. I mean, whether one person is  
17 looking for it, when you're one-on-one like  
18 that, it is not healthy in any role.

19 BY MR. GROTH:

20 Q. Did Robin Landis ever tell you that there  
21 were any one-on-one coaching sessions between the  
22 coaching staff, including Eric Romig and her, Marc  
23 Hoover and any of the girl players during the  
24 years 2007, 2008?

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1 A. I do not recall.

2 Q. Did Kristen Kennedy ever stay over at  
3 your house?

4 A. Possibly. I mean, again, you're talking  
5 six years ago.

6 Q. I know, but you said she was a good  
7 friend of --

8 A. She was at our house. I don't know if  
9 she spent the night.

10 Q. You said Lauren was a good friend of  
11 hers.

12 A. During high school.

13 Q. Did Lauren ever tell you before she  
14 graduated that she had been told by Kristen  
15 Kennedy that Eric Romig was having Facebook chats  
16 or messages with her on a frequent basis about her  
17 intimate -- meaning Kristen Kennedy's -- intimate  
18 sex life with her boyfriend Kirby?

19 A. No.

20 MR. RUSSELL: Objection to the  
21 form.

22 Q. Did your daughter tell you that Kristen  
23 Kennedy had told her that Eric Romig was asking  
24 questions, through Facebook, about the number of

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1 times they had sex, where they had sex, whether  
2 she liked it, how many positions, what kind of  
3 positions they had sex in?

4 Did Lauren ever tell you that during 2007  
5 or 2008?

6 MR. RUSSELL: Objection.

7 MS. KANE: Objection.

8 BY MR. GROTH:

9 Q. You can answer.

10 A. No.

11 Q. Do you know whether or not Lauren ever  
12 went out to have a meal with Eric Romig and/or  
13 others as a group or individually after she came  
14 back from California and scrimmaged or practiced  
15 with the Faith Christian Academy girls basketball  
16 team?

17 A. It's possible.

18 Q. I'm asking you if she ever told you that.

19 A. I don't recall.

20 Q. Would you have had a problem with that?

21 A. In a group setting, no.

22 Q. Let's talk about the Emily Mayer  
23 situation with Eric Romig in 2009.

24 A. All right.

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1 Q. In December of 2009 did you find out --  
2 and we talked about this a little bit, I think,  
3 with your conversation with Cheryl Alderfer -- did  
4 you find out that there was an investigation going  
5 on at the school, Faith Christian Academy,  
6 regarding a texting issue between Emily Mayer and  
7 Eric Romig?

8 A. Yes.

9 MS. KANE: Objection to the form.

10 Q. And do you recall when you found that  
11 out?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Do you recall how you found it out?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Do you recall anybody supplying you with  
16 any details regarding that investigation?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Did you ever talk to Ryan Clymer about  
19 the investigation?

20 A. I don't recall.

21 Q. Do you recall him attempting to contact  
22 you around that time to discuss the issue with  
23 you?

24 A. I don't recall.

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1 Q. So, you recall knowing about the  
2 situation but nothing about how, who told you,  
3 anything of that nature.

4 A. Well, Cheryl called me, obviously, about  
5 the allegations, questioning who was picking  
6 Lauren up.

7 Q. Right.

8 A. I called Lauren because I was very upset.  
9 Lauren was shocked and appalled, and she didn't  
10 appreciate her being brought into something that  
11 wasn't true.

12 She did state that Emily has a tendency  
13 to lie, and she did talk to Ryan Clymer when she  
14 came back because she wanted to make sure that  
15 nothing was -- that there was no truth to what was  
16 texted, supposedly texted.

17 Q. Texted between whom?

18 A. Between Eric and Emily.

19 Q. How would she know that?

20 A. Because I shared with her after Cheryl  
21 called me and told her that "I just got this phone  
22 call. I'm upset. Why would this happen?"

23 Q. You were just referring to the airport  
24 texts, not any other texts that Emily Mayer may

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1 have had with Eric Romig.

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. Okay. You say she talked to Ryan Clymer  
4 when she came back?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. When was that? That would have been the  
7 Christmas of 2009?

8 A. December of '09.

9 Q. Ryan Clymer testified that he called  
10 Lauren in California to talk about him. Does that  
11 change your recollection at all?

12 A. No, I don't recall that. He may have. I  
13 honestly do not recall.

14 Q. Do you recall Lauren actually meeting  
15 with Ryan Clymer when she came home for the  
16 holidays?

17 A. Yes, I do remember she went to the school  
18 to meet with him.

19 Q. What did she tell you about that meeting?

20 A. I do not recall. I'm sorry. I don't  
21 recall the details. I was just thankful that she  
22 had nothing to do with anything.

23 Q. Did she tell you anything about the  
24 meeting that she had with Ryan Clymer in December

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1 of 2009?

2 A. She may have, but I don't recall details.

3 Q. Did you attempt to talk to Ryan Clymer  
4 about it at all?

5 A. I may have. I don't recall. Again, I  
6 apologize; I don't recall the details.

7 Q. You said that your daughter told you that  
8 Emily had a tendency to lie.

9 A. That is what she told me.

10 Q. But your daughter didn't know Emily when  
11 she went to school, did she?

12 A. She was a couple years behind Emily. I  
13 don't know why she would say that. I'm just  
14 repeating what she told me.

15 Q. Well, she graduated before Emily ever  
16 went to the school. Is that correct? To your  
17 understanding.

18 A. I don't know.

19 Q. You said she was a couple years --

20 A. Lauren graduated --

21 Q. Hold on a second. You said that Lauren  
22 was a couple years behind Emily?

23 A. No.

24 Q. The other way around.

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1 A. Correct.

2 Q. Okay. So, you don't know that she ever  
3 went to school with Emily at all, correct?

4 A. I do not know. I don't know what year  
5 Emily graduated.

6 Q. Did Lauren give you any details as to how  
7 she knew or what she knew about Emily having a  
8 tendency to lie?

9 A. No.

10 Q. You didn't ask her any questions about  
11 that?

12 A. No.

13 Q. How she would know that?

14 A. I just said, "Why would you say that?"  
15 And she said "Because she has a tenancy to do  
16 that."

17 I didn't ask her for details. She was in  
18 California. It wasn't like my daughter was here,  
19 and I did not ask for details.

20 Q. Did Lauren come home every Christmas?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. So, she graduated in 2008. She would  
23 have been home for Christmas 2008?

24 A. Yes.



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1 Q. And Christmas 2009.

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. Did anybody from the school, from Faith  
4 Christian Academy, in 2009 -- we're talking about  
5 the Emily Mayer and Eric Romig situation -- did  
6 anybody from the school try to contact you to ask  
7 you any questions about Eric Romig, his coaching  
8 style or texting of players, anything of that  
9 nature?

10 A. I don't recall.

11 Q. Do you know if you spoke to Robin Landis  
12 about that in 2009, when Emily Mayer's situation  
13 with Eric Romig arose?

14 A. I may have because we were good friends.

15 Q. Did she tell you anything?

16 A. She was very upset.

17 Q. About what?

18 A. About -- well, I'm going to future. I  
19 think she was shocked at that time to think that  
20 anything would be going on.

21 Q. Did she tell you that she didn't believe  
22 Emily Mayer in what she was describing about the  
23 texts from Eric Romig?

24 A. I do believe so.

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1 Q. Did she tell you anything about Emily  
2 Mayer herself?

3 A. No, I don't recall.

4 Q. Did she call Emily Mayer a liar?

5 A. I don't recall. I don't believe so.

6 From what I recall, she just was very shocked at  
7 the allegations.

8 Q. Was it your impression from your  
9 discussion with Robin Landis that she was  
10 defending Eric Romig and saying that he wouldn't  
11 do that type of thing?

12 A. To a degree, yes.

13 Q. And you know Robin Landis to this day?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Do you stay in contact with her?

16 A. Occasionally.

17 Q. Have you ever discussed the Emily Mayer  
18 situation with Eric Romig with her since  
19 2009/2010?

20 A. Probably, yes.

21 Q. Did she he ever tell you that at some  
22 point after Eric Romig left Faith Christian  
23 Academy, she had a conversation with Emily Mayer  
24 during which she apologized to Emily Mayer for not

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1 believing her and telling Emily Mayer that she  
2 did, in fact, believe that Eric Romig had done  
3 with her what she claimed he had done?

4 A. I don't recall her telling me that.

5 Q. At any time before October 1st, 2013,  
6 when Eric Romig was arrested for criminally  
7 sexually assaulting my client, did you have any  
8 reason to suspect that Eric Romig might have  
9 attempted to engage in inappropriate sexual  
10 conduct with any of the people -- any of the girls  
11 he coached at Faith Christian Academy?

12 A. No.

13 MS. KANE: Objection.

14 A. No.

15 Q. You testified that you weren't contacted  
16 by anybody from the school, any administrator from  
17 the school, about Emily Mayer's situation with  
18 Romig.

19 Did you ever hear anything about how that  
20 situation was resolved?

21 A. I don't recall. I know it's been an  
22 ongoing -- this whole situation. I don't know how  
23 that was resolved.

24 Q. Well, as of 2009 both your children were

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1 already out of school, correct?

2 A. They graduated, correct.

3 Q. So, the only contact you still had with  
4 the school and church was basically the  
5 church-type activities versus the school?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Did anybody ever tell you back in 2009 or  
8 2010 that Eric Romig had submitted a memo or  
9 letter of resignation as coach?

10 A. I knew he had left.

11 Q. How did you know that?

12 A. I don't recall exactly. I just knew he  
13 had left.

14 Q. Was there an announcement made to the  
15 church or the school, parents, students, anything  
16 of that nature?

17 A. I don't recall because I was removed  
18 already from --

19 Q. Well, you were still in the church.

20 A. Still in the church, but I don't recall  
21 anything being said at church.

22 Q. At any time after Eric Romig resigned as  
23 coach at FCA in early 2010, did you ever hear from  
24 any source anything about the alleged content of

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1 the texts that he was sending to Emily Mayer?

2 A. All I recall is that she had stated she  
3 had received text messages from Eric that were  
4 inappropriate. It was hearsay. I didn't have  
5 proof. I never talked to her one-on-one. I did  
6 not know her personally.

7 Q. Who did you hear it from?

8 A. It could have been various people. I  
9 don't recall specifics.

10 Q. You don't remember any names at all?

11 A. Because of my friendships with Cheryl and  
12 Nicole. I mean, it's -- the friends I knew that  
13 still worked there at the school.

14 Q. Nicole Gross?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Did you ever discuss with Nicole Gross  
17 any of the texting issues that you had with Eric  
18 Romig back in 2007?

19 A. I probably did.

20 Q. Did you talk to Nicole Gross before your  
21 deposition today about your deposition?

22 A. I just told her I got a subpoena to come  
23 here.

24 Q. Did she tell you she had been deposed?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. Do you know if she has been deposed in  
3 the case?

4 A. Can you please rephrase that?

5 Q. Yes: Did you ever find out that Nicole  
6 Gross has been deposed in this case, gave a  
7 deposition in this case?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. When did you find that out?

10 A. That was a while ago. I don't recall  
11 exactly when.

12 Q. Like a month ago or weeks ago?

13 A. Yes -- I don't remember.

14 Q. Her deposition wasn't taken until  
15 September 2nd, so it was sometime after that she  
16 told you?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Did she call you up?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Did she call you up to tell you about her  
21 giving a deposition?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did she talk to you about any part of her  
24 testimony?

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1 A. Just that Lauren's name was brought up  
2 and that she felt bad that her name got dragged  
3 into it.

4 Q. Did she tell you that I asked her if she  
5 had ever said to somebody that she suspected that  
6 there was an inappropriate relationship between  
7 Lauren and Eric Romig?

8 MS. KANE: Objection.

9 A. I don't recall exact details.

10 Q. Did Nicole Gross ever tell that you she  
11 suspected that there was an inappropriate  
12 relationship with Lauren and Eric Romig?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Did she ever ask you whether your  
15 daughter ever told you there was an inappropriate  
16 relationship between Lauren and Eric Romig?

17 Did she ever ask you whether Lauren had  
18 ever said anything about that?

19 A. She may have through conversations that  
20 we had had regarding -- after this all came out  
21 and I said that I had spoken with Lauren in great  
22 detail and Lauren, I believe, would tell me the  
23 truth because I'm not one to judge. I said,  
24 "Please be honest with me. Nothing's going to



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1 shock me any more."

2 So yes, I may have discussed that with  
3 Nicole, but I do not recall Nicole ever saying  
4 that she thought there was anything inappropriate.

5 Q. Did you ever hear from anybody, Nicole  
6 Gross or anybody else, that they had some  
7 suspicions that there was an inappropriate  
8 relationship between Lauren and Eric Romig?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Other teachers, other coaches--

11 MS. KANE: Objection, asked and  
12 answered.

13 Q. -- other teachers, other coaches, other  
14 players, students, anybody.

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you ever have any conversations --  
17 other than the conversation you mentioned with  
18 Henry Thompson about changing the location of this  
19 deposition, did you ever have any conversations  
20 with him about this litigation?

21 A. Yes, I do recall.

22 Q. When was that?

23 A. I saw him in passing a few months ago,  
24 and I don't recall the exact time and place.



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1 Q. What was the discussion?

2 A. That Lauren had gotten a letter. And I  
3 think that's what I had said to him, that Lauren  
4 had gotten a letter and was not happy.

5 Q. What did you discuss with him?

6 A. That was pretty much it. He said -- I  
7 don't recall the exact words, but "I'm sorry that  
8 you have to be going through this."

9 Q. Did he ask to talk to Lauren?

10 A. Not that I recall.

11 Q. Did you ask Lauren to get in contact with  
12 any of Faith Christian Academy's attorneys?

13 A. Not that I recall. He may have said, if  
14 she has any questions, to call, but I don't recall  
15 asking attorneys or whatever.

16 Q. Not that you asked. Did he tell you or  
17 say to you, you know, would you have her contact  
18 FCA's attorneys about the lawsuit?

19 A. I don't recall.

20 Q. Did he tell you that he has been sitting  
21 through all -- not all of them, but a lot of the  
22 depositions, just like he's here in the room  
23 today, sitting through this deposition today?

24 A. No.

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1 Q. Did he tell that you he had sat through  
2 Eric Romig's deposition in jail up in Nanticoke  
3 back in the summer of 2015?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Did you discuss any of the Emily  
6 Mayer/Eric Romig situation with him at all?

7 A. No.

8 Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked  
9 Romig exhibit six. It's an email from Annette  
10 Smith, who is Emily Mayer's mother, to Ryan Clymer  
11 dated December 31st, 2009, which has attached to  
12 it -- you don't have to look at the email, but  
13 attached to it is a statement typed by Emily Mayer  
14 on December 21st, 2009 stating, to the best of her  
15 recollection, the type of inappropriate texts that  
16 she was receiving from Eric Romig.

17 Let me ask you first, have you ever seen  
18 this document before?

19 A. No.

20 Q. I'll ask you just to glance at it for a  
21 moment. Have you ever seen the document at all?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Take a look at the second page. Do you  
24 recall ever seeing that document before?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. Now, I'd like you to read that document  
3 to yourself and then I'm going to ask you some  
4 questions about it when you're done reading it.

5 (Pause)

6 A. Okay.

7 Q. Have you had a chance to read that?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Did Lauren ever tell you that even one of  
10 the texts that he was sending her back in 2007 or  
11 2008 involved sexual issues?

12 MR. RUSSELL: Objection, asked and  
13 answered. You can go ahead and answer.

14 BY MR. GROTH:

15 Q. Go ahead.

16 A. All I recall my daughter telling me is  
17 that he texted her about basketball. And when  
18 this all came out I asked her again, and I asked  
19 her to be honest with me --

20 Q. "This all" meaning what?

21 A. This October 13 incident --

22 Q. And do you --

23 MS. KANE: Can we let her please  
24 finish the answer to the question?

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1 MR. GROTH: Sure. I'm just asking  
2 her to clarify what she's answering.

3 MS. KANE: Why don't you wait  
4 until she's completed her answer?

5 MR. GROTH: Okay.

6 THE WITNESS: When he was  
7 arrested. . .

8 MR. GROTH: Okay.

9 THE WITNESS: . . . I obviously was  
10 concerned, then I asked her if anything had  
11 ever happened between her and Eric Romig.  
12 She said no.

13 I said, "How about texts messages?  
14 You always told me it was basketball. Were  
15 there ever any inappropriate text messages?"  
16 She did say "Yes, on occasion."

17 BY MR. GROTH:

18 Q. That was after my client's situation  
19 became public in October of 2013.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Did she say how they were inappropriate,  
22 in what way they were inappropriate?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Did you ask her?

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1 A. I did. She said it was not sexual. She  
2 said -- I believe she may have said jokes, but she  
3 did not go into detail.

4 I told her, if she ever wanted to talk to  
5 me about it -- she's in her twenties at this  
6 point. She has a right to her privacy.

7 As much as it hurts a parent to know that  
8 a child's been brought into a situation like this,  
9 that if she was ever harmed in any way, that I  
10 would want to know.

11 Q. During that conversation or any other  
12 conversation you had with her after October of  
13 2013, did she tell you that she was aware that he  
14 was sending inappropriate, sexually-based texts to  
15 teammates of hers?

16 MR. RUSSELL: Objection.

17 MS. KANE: Objection as well.

18 BY MR. GROTH:

19 Q. Did she mention Kristen Kennedy's name at  
20 all?

21 A. I knew Kristen's name was brought into  
22 it, and I don't recall exactly if it was through  
23 her or through somebody else that told me.

24 Q. Lauren was contacted by the Bucks County

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1 Detectives as part of the investigation of my  
2 client's criminal sexual abuse, correct?

3 A. He.

4 Q. She told you about that?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What did she tell you about it?

7 A. She told me she was getting ready to work  
8 and she heard a knock at the door. There were two  
9 gentlemen there, and they kind of scolded her for  
10 opening the door to two strangers. Then she told  
11 me that they were from Bucks County Detectives.  
12 They wanted to talk to her about the case.

13 She spoke with them for about ten minutes  
14 or so because she was getting ready to leave for  
15 work, and all she told me basically was that "I  
16 have nothing to give them" and that they wasted  
17 their time.

18 They asked what else -- they were there  
19 for two more days, could she give them any ideas  
20 of what to do while they're there. And I thought,  
21 oh, great, our tax dollars at work.

22 Q. So, she said that she actually met with  
23 these detectives as opposed to talking to them  
24 over the telephone.

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Did she say she ever talked to them over  
3 the telephone?

4 A. No, I don't recall that. She was  
5 surprised.

6 Q. Did anybody from the District Attorney's  
7 Office or the Bucks County Detectives ever try to  
8 contact you after October of 2013?

9 A. No.

10 Q. After your daughter told you in 2013 that  
11 some of the texts that Eric Romig had sent to her  
12 were inappropriate in some way, did you pass that  
13 information along to anybody else?

14 A. I may have. I don't recall exactly who.  
15 I mean, I'm a mom. I talk to other moms.

16 MS. KANE: Just tell us what you  
17 remember.

18 THE WITNESS: I may have said it.

19 BY MR. GROTH:

20 Q. Do you recall to whom?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Do you recall speaking to anybody at  
23 Faith Christian Academy and telling anybody at  
24 Faith Christian Academy that?



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1 A. I do not recall.

2 Q. Did your daughter tell you that she told  
3 the investigating Bucks County detectives that  
4 some of the texts that she received from Eric  
5 roaming were inappropriate in some way?

6 A. I do not recall.

7 Q. Do you know Chelsea Boleski?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Who is she?

10 A. She went to Faith Christian Academy. I  
11 believe she had been a year or two younger than my  
12 daughter. I believe she was on the basketball  
13 team.

14 Q. I'm going to read you just a page or so  
15 of the deposition that I'd taken of Kristen  
16 Kennedy on October 8th, 2015, at page forty-five.

17 "Q: How would you describe Lauren  
18 Fretz' relationship with Coach Romig in  
19 2008?

20 "A: They were close.

21 "Q: What does that mean?

22 "A: They talked a lot. They  
23 spent a lot of time together. It seemed  
24 like they were good friends. I know that



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1 they texted a lot and practiced a lot on  
2 weekends.

3 "Q: What does that mean?

4 "A: What does that mean?

5 "Q: Practiced a lot on the  
6 weekends. Not with the team. You mean just  
7 the two of them.

8 "A: Yes.

9 "Q: Where, at the school or  
10 someplace else?

11 "A: At the school."

12 Does that refresh your recollection at all about a  
13 question I asked you previously about whether your  
14 daughter had any one-on-one coaching sessions with  
15 Eric Romig on the weekends at school?

16 A. I did not recall that. I do not remember  
17 if there was ever any one-on-one.

18 Q. I'm going to read you another page or two  
19 starting at page forty-nine of Kristen Kennedy's  
20 deposition.

21 The question is "Do you know whether or  
22 not she and Mr. Romig ever had a physical  
23 relationship?

24 "A: I don't know.

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1 "Q: Did she ever tell you that?

2 "A: That they had a physical  
3 relationship?

4 "Q: Physical, yes, like a sexual  
5 physical relationship?

6 "A: No.

7 "Q: Did you ever hear that from  
8 anybody else other than Lauren Fretz?

9 "A: I think people said that,  
10 yes. But I spent a lot of time with her and  
11 I would think that, if that was going on,  
12 she would have no problem telling me, but I  
13 personally never heard anybody say that.

14 "Q: I'm not sure I caught exactly  
15 the first part of that answer where you said  
16 that you heard something from other people.

17 "A: Yes.

18 "Q: Who are these other people?

19 "A: I mean, specifically I'm not  
20 sure. It was definitely a rumor going  
21 around that they were maybe spending a  
22 little bit too much time together. I mean,  
23 obviously they, as I said, were practicing  
24 together and seemed to be pretty close. It

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1 was a small team. There were only nine of  
2 us, I think, so we were all close.

3 "Q: These rumors or suspicions  
4 that you heard from other people, would  
5 those include other students?

6 "A: Yes."

7 Now, after hearing that deposition testimony by  
8 her, does that refresh your recollection as to  
9 whether or not you ever had any discussion with  
10 Kristen Kennedy about any suspicions about  
11 Lauren's relationship with Eric Romig?

12 A. I never had any conversation with Kristen  
13 about Lauren's relationship with Eric Romig. I  
14 should say I don't recall ever having a  
15 conversation with Kristen Kennedy about -- I never  
16 really spoke to her one-on-one.

17 Q. Annette Smith's deposition was recently  
18 taken. She is Emily Mayer's mother. She  
19 testified that she had a conversation with Nicole  
20 Gross during which Nicole Gross said that she  
21 and/or others had suspicions about a sexual  
22 relationship between Lauren Fretz and Eric Romig,  
23 and that even people at Calvary Baptist Church had  
24 talked about it or spoken about it.

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1 Did Nicole Gross ever have any similar  
2 conversations with you about that?

3 MR. RUSSELL: Objection to the  
4 form.

5 MS. KANE: Objection.

6 MS. CONNOR: Objection.

7 THE WITNESS: No.

8 MS. KANE: Do you need a break,  
9 Miss?

10 MR. GROTH: I'm almost done.

11 MS. KANE: I can still ask her if  
12 she wants a break.

13 MR. GROTH: Are you okay?

14 THE WITNESS: I'm good.

15 BY MR. GROTH:

16 Q. Do you communicate with your daughter  
17 through Facebook?

18 MS. OLSZEWSKI: Asked and  
19 answered.

20 MR. RUSSELL: Asked and answered.

21 BY MR. GROTH:

22 Q. You can answer.

23 A. Occasionally. Very rarely. We talk on  
24 the phone more than we communicate through

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1 Facebook.

2 Q. Was there ever a conversation or an issue  
3 that you're aware of about Eric Romig attending  
4 some type of banquet with your daughter while she  
5 was in high school?

6 A. No.

7 Q. I'm going to ask you to read to yourself  
8 pages seventy-five through. . .

9 MR. RUSSELL: Whose deposition are  
10 we talking about?

11 MR. GROTH: Ryan Clymer's  
12 deposition, pages seventy-five through  
13 seventy-seven, and I'll ask you some  
14 questions about things he testified to  
15 there. It's these three pages, one, two and  
16 three. . .

17 MS. KERNAN: Can we go off the  
18 record?

19 MR. GROTH: That's fine.

20 (A brief recess was taken)

21 MR. GROTH: We're back on the  
22 record.

23

24 BY MR. GROTH:

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1 Q. Mrs. Fretz, you just had a chance to read  
2 those pages of the Ryan Clymer deposition that I  
3 showed you. Is that correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Do you know anything about the topics  
6 that are discussed generally in those pages, about  
7 Eric Romig supposedly inviting Lauren to some kind  
8 of banquet?

9 A. No.

10 Q. This is all news to you, what you've  
11 read? It's all news to you?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You know Mrs. Tatarro, right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. It says in this deposition that she was  
16 actually sent by Ryan Clymer to talk to Lauren  
17 about that issue. You read that part, correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did Lauren ever tell you that Mrs.  
20 Tatarro was sent to her by Ryan Clymer to ask  
21 about some rumor or information from somebody  
22 named Carolyn Eberhart that Eric Romig had invited  
23 your daughter to some type of banquet?

24 A. No.

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1 Q. From what you read, do you have any idea  
2 what the banquet that's being referred to in here  
3 might be referring to?

4 MS. KANE: Objection. She said  
5 she doesn't know.

6 MR. GROTH: I know what she said.  
7 I'm asking her a separate question.

8 MS. KANE: Objection.

9 MS. OLSZEWSKI: Objection.

10 THE WITNESS: They only have the  
11 banquets for the students. It's very small,  
12 so. . .

13 BY MR. GROTH:

14 Q. Are you talking about the sports banquets  
15 or. . .

16 A. Sports banquets the families go to.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. Junior/Senior banquets; it's Boy/Girl.  
19 They go away to New York to see a play. Never has  
20 any teacher ever taken a student, to my knowledge,  
21 and that would not be acceptable.

22 Q. One last thing: I'm going to show you  
23 what we've marked Romig exhibits seven and five at  
24 his deposition. These are logs of the 3,100 texts

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1 that Eric Romig sent to Emily Mayer in about a  
2 three-month period before the allegations about  
3 the texting were made in December 2009.

4 Have you ever seen these logs before?  
5 They just show the date and the time of the  
6 texting between them?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Has anybody shown you these or attempted  
9 to show you these?

10 A. No.

11 MR. GROTH: No other questions.

12 Thank you.

13 MR. RUSSELL: I just have a few  
14 follow-up.

15 (EXAMINATION)

16 BY MR. RUSSELL:

17 Q. On what you just read, and you were shown  
18 this deposition, you read in there that everybody  
19 in there denied what happened, correct?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. You indicated that after Eric Romig was  
22 arrested concerning the Elizabeth Nace matter, you  
23 said you asked your daughter again about was there  
24 ever anything inappropriate ever sent to you in



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1 texts messages, and you said that she did say that  
2 on occasion there were a few inappropriate  
3 messages but they were not sexual. Did I hear  
4 that right?

5 A. I believe so.

6 Q. And she said you thought it was related  
7 to a joke or something like that?

8 A. That was the impression.

9 Q. But she never told you that he sent  
10 anything sexually inappropriate to her.

11 A. Correct.

12 MR. GROTH: Objection.

13 Q. Additionally, early on, when the text  
14 messages were going back and forth between your  
15 daughter and Mr. Romig, you stated that there was  
16 a volume of texts, but your daughter had denied  
17 that there was anything inappropriate at that  
18 time, right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. You're not aware of her ever telling  
21 anybody that there was something sexually  
22 inappropriate in any text message, correct?

23 A. I am not aware of that.

24 MR. GROTH: Objection.

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1 Q. Just to make sure that we're clear, what  
2 was your daughter's interaction with Emily Mayer?

3 A. I do not know.

4 Q. But whatever interaction she had with  
5 Emily Mayer, she knew that she had a reputation  
6 for not telling the truth?

7 MR. GROTH: Objection to the form.

8 Q. You can answer.

9 A. That is what she said to me, so I'm just  
10 recalling that.

11 Q. Okay. Did she tell you anything about her  
12 reputation for sexual promiscuity?

13 A. No.

14 Q. She just talked about her reputation for  
15 not telling the truth?

16 A. Correct.

17 MR. RUSSELL: I have no further  
18 questions.

19 MS. CONNOR: No questions.

20 MS. KANE: No questions.

21 MS. OLSZEWSKI: No questions.

22 MR. GROTH: I have two final  
23 questions.

24 (EXAMINATION)

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1 BY MR. GROTH:

2 Q. Have you ever seen on your daughter's  
3 Facebook account any provocative -- what you would  
4 consider to be provocative photographs?

5 A. Why is this relevant?

6 Q. I'm just asking the question.

7 MR. RUSSELL: You don't have to  
8 answer that if you don't want to.

9 MS. KANE: You do not have to  
10 answer that question.

11 MR. GROTH: You can't instruct her  
12 not to answer any question.

13 THE WITNESS: I am a mom --

14 MR. RUSSELL: You don't have to.

15 THE WITNESS: -- and I do not wish  
16 to answer that. I do not think it has any  
17 place in this.

18 MR. GROTH: If that's your answer,  
19 I understand your answer.

20 BY MR. GROTH:

21 Q. When your daughter told you in 2013,  
22 after my client's situation became known, that  
23 there were some inappropriate texts to her from  
24 Eric Romig, regardless of what was inappropriate

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1 about them, did you ask her why she had never told  
2 you that before?

3 A. I don't recall. I mean, I may have. I  
4 don't recall exactly. She was probably scared.

5 Q. When you did hear that from her in 2013,  
6 did that cause you to disbelieve things that she  
7 had told you before, that there was nothing  
8 inappropriate in the texts between them?

9 MS. KANE: Objection. I don't  
10 understand the question.

11 THE WITNESS: I mean -- yeah, Did  
12 I have any reason to believe that the text  
13 messages back in high school were  
14 inappropriate due to the 2013 arrest?

15 BY MR. GROTH:

16 Q. The question is, when your daughter told  
17 you in 2013 that some of the text messages from  
18 Eric Romig to her were inappropriate in whatever  
19 way, did that cause you some concern that back in  
20 2007 or 2008, when she said none of the text  
21 messages were inappropriate, that she may not have  
22 been telling you the truth?

23 MS. KANE: Objection.

24 A. Possibly.

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1 MR. GROTH: No further questions.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. RUSSELL: Thanks for your  
4 time.

5 MS. CONNOR: Thank you.

6 MS. KANE: Thank you.

7 (The deposition was concluded at  
8 1:30 p.m.)

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